AFRICATOWN
COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

December 31, 2020

Emily Alvarado, Acting Director
Seattle Office of Housing
700 Fifth Avenue, Suite 5700
Seattle, WA 98194

Dear Emily,

I am excited to present you with Africatown Community Land Trust's funding application for Keiro. This is a new construction project is located in the Central District of Seattle and will provide 285 permanently affordable rental apartments for individuals and families earning up to 60% of the area median income. Furthermore, prior to the development of the site the existing building will operate as an interim homeless. Once developed, on the ground floor there will be an early childhood learning center operated by a licensed provider that will serve the children of both our tenant population and the greater community.

Africatown Community Land Trust's (ACLT) mission is to acquire, steward, and develop land assets necessary for the African diaspora to grow and thrive in its historic place in Seattle's Central District. ACLT's work is focused on alleviating the economic and social inequalities facing Seattle's African American community; we engage in that work and advance our mission through community co-creation of affordable housing developments in the Central District and throughout Seattle's African American community. One significant difference is that we communicate with members of the community and affected tenants early in the development process whenever we are embarking on a new project

The community is excited and engaged about this project and is eager to see progress on this corner. At a time when the neighborhood feels the development coming over the hill, this project could retain some of the people who have for decades called this neighborhood home. Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please contact Muammar Hermanstyne, Vice President of Real Estate at (347) 414-4492, if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

K. Wyking Garrett
President, Africatown Community Land Trust